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Past Soviet Foreign Policy

1. Recent Soviet foreign policy has been aimed at dividing the United States from her allies. This aim was constantly reiterated at closed Party meetings which source attended in Hungary and Austria. As examples of this policy, source cites the Soviet appeals for foreign trade, directed first toward Great Britain and then toward France. When appeals to these governments failed, the Soviets appealed to private enterprise in these countries. When Western businessmen visited the Soviet Union, an attempt was made to convince them that their own governments were preventing them from taking advantage of attractive business opportunities.

Future Soviet Foreign Policy

2. Source believes that the Soviets are preparing drastically to change their foreign policy. The USSR feels that international front committees are useful and influential instruments of policy. The new approach will put much more emphasis on an effort to drive a wedge between peoples and their governments, i.e., to appeal to the people and show them that their governments do not reflect their interests.

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Source believes that Zhukov, particularly, and possibly even Khrushchev will make junkets to the United States and will schedule interviews with foreign correspondents as part of this effort to convince other peoples that the Soviet Union, as distinct from their own governments, desires peace.

3. Source explained that while some hard talk, such as Molotov's recent speech on Soviet atomic might, will continue, it is designed for internal consumption to justify the hardships which Soviet citizens must endure and to encourage their confidence in the strength of the USSR. Source states that everyone in the Soviet Union believes there will be war.

Soviet Attitude toward London-Paris Treaties

4. In answer to the question as to whether source's associates believed that the ratification of the London-Paris treaties would be a foregone conclusion or whether there was still some hope that they would fail to be ratified, source stated that Communist meetings followed the Pravda line, which said that these treaties would never be ratified.

Soviet Attitude toward Germany

5. Source heard from SAG personnel who came to Vienna following the relinquishment of Soviet control over these plants that large numbers of Communists had participated in the 17 June riots and that, without the help of the Soviets, the SED would lose control in Germany. Source stated that it is generally held opinion that the Soviets will never permit free elections in Germany.

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